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Letter No. 492/32, dated the 10th October 1932, from the Superintendent of Archaeology, forwarding the Administration Report of the Department of Archaeology for 1107. 840

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RECORDED.

During the year under review, the Department continued its activities in regard to the copying of inscriptions, the conservation of ancient relics, the study and investigation of temple architecture, the examination and identification of scenes and objects represented by specimens of temple scalpture and such other Attention was also devoted to the further exposition of the Abhinaya or Art of Pantomime as exhibited in the ancient Rathakali and the Kuthu, and the collection of available information regarding the slabs of Sälagrama stones used for worship. the elaborate process of temple ritual and the Mudras or the finger signs employed in the same. Research was made in the field of primitive music; and several specimens of indigenous folk songs were also collected and classified under eleven distinct Volume VII Part 2 of the Archwological series was published by the Department; and material for Vol. VIII was got ready for the Press. It is noted that copies of inscriptions collectbed by the Department from 1103 to 1106 will be published in the: Volume.

(By order)

K. GEORGE, Chief Secretary to Government,

To

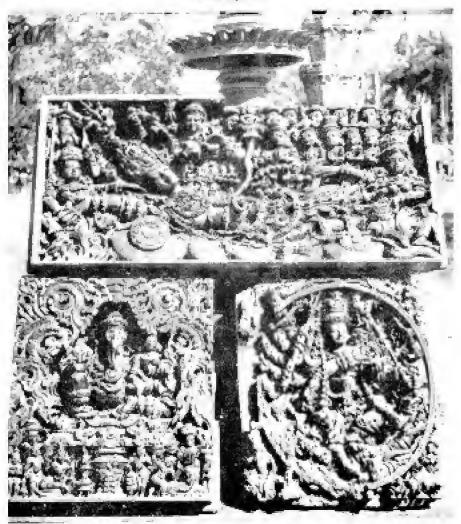
The Director of Public Instruction in charge of the Administrative control of the Archaeological Department.

The Superintendent, Government Press.

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Americayanam, Gampati and Nataraja, (Specimen of old woodwork, Vettikulangsra)





Office of the Superintendent of Archaeology, Trivandrum, 6th October 1932.

No. 492/32.

From

The Superintendent of Archaeology,
Trivandrum,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government, Trivandrum.

SFR,

I have the honour to forward herewith the Administration Report of the Department of Archæology for the year onding the 31st Karkutakam 1107 m. E. (1931-32).

General.

There was no change in the staff of the Department

during the year.

The Pandit-Assistant and the Clerk-Typist were on privilege leave for 20, and 23 days respectively: the photographer was absent on combined privilege and sick leave for four months and twenty-one days. The leave vacancies of the clerk-typist

and photographer were alone filled up.

An event of cutstanding importance in the year was the investiture of H. H. The Maharaja with ruling powers. In the exhibition that was beld in connection with the celebrations, the department took an active part. The section devoted to the display of objects of historical and archaeological interest was furnished with rare and valuable exhibits illustrating the grand horitage of the past, and was appreciated as being of considerable educative value.

As part of His Highness's administrative training, an apportunity was graciously accorded to me as head of the department to explain the nature, scope and value of archeological work in Travancore to His Highness the Maharaja, who showed a deep and abiding interest in the working of the department.

Tours.

I spent 62 days in camp and visited Kalingarayan Pattanam, Nagerooil. Katukkara, Vettikkavila, Quilon, Mararikulam, G. P. T. 862, 60, 23-6-1169 B Puttenchira, Kanjīrapallī, Kaviyur, Chonakkara, Sattumurppāra, 'Okkal, Kanjyākuļam, Kutturpalli, Parur, Pallippuram, Kottappuram, Vettikkulangām, Chenkotta, Māvelikkara, Alleppey, Manjumel, Varapoly, Ettumanur, and Kottayam. The Pandit-Assistant visited Suchīndrum, Tāmarakkuļam, Cape Comorin and Kurattiyara; and camped for 12 days to take estampages of unpublished inscriptions. My tours were meialy directed to the exploration of ancient relies and the examination of the valuable works of art in the temples of the State. Special attention was paid to the collection of unpublished inscriptions which had escaped the notice of the department in the pest. An attempt was also made towards the study of folklore having regard to its importance in a scheme of archaeological work. The work done during the year may roughly be classified as follows:—

Epigraphy.

A good deal of the exploratory work of the department in the year consisted in the copying and reading of ancient inscriptions. Estampages of seventeen unpublished inscriptions were taken; and their texts were deciphered and transcribed. Of these, three inscriptions were from Katukkara, two copied from a rock lying in the Tiruvenkatapperumal temple and one from a stone-pillar standing in the Panantara Vilagam village. The two temple inscriptions are dated Kollam 882 (1707 A. D.), and refer to gifts of land to Tiruvenkatapperumal, Kasiviavanatapperumal and Sivakami Amman; while the pillar inscription from Panantara Vilagam registers a gift of land by two private donors to Virakeralapillayar of Pananthara Vilagam and is dated Kollam 887 (1712 A. D.)

The fourth inscription was copied from the northern outer wall of the first prakara of the Sthanunatha temple, Suchindram. Though damaged at the end, it records like many other inscriptions in the same temple, a gift of land to the God Umaskanda-Sahita-Tirumeni set up by Arangan Tiruvikraman of Sivilamangalam. Its date is Kollam 301 (1126 A. D.), and though it had been copied in the years 1093 and 1096 M. R., a fresh estampage of it was found necessary for purposes of reading and publication.

The fifth inscription was obtained from the stone rafter of the Jayantisvara mantana in the Suchindram temple, and mentions that the Brahmin chief of Puttillam consecrated God Sambhu with Gouri in Kollam 769 (1594 A. D). Though in the pravious inscriptions it is stated that the deity Umaskantha Subita Tirumoni was set up in Kon in 301 (1126 A. D.), we do not know if the two differ in purpose-

The sixth inscription dated Kollam 413 (1238 A. D.) is engraved on the south base of the Subrahmanya temple, Suchindram, but as the stone bearing the record is mostly embedded underneath the ground, its purport could not be known; nor is it easy to rescue and bring it to light without considerable labour and heavy expense.

The seventh inscription though copied before in 1093 M. E. was recopied for purposes of reading. It is inscribed on the pillar in front of the Panchalinga shrine at Suchfadram. It is dated Kollan 586 (1411 a. b.), and states that King Marttandavarma, desiring prosperity, fame and long life, constructed the Sabhāmanifapa. The same inscription is also seen engraved on the eastern wall of the Second prābāra of the Suchīndram temple. It is probable that the stone effigy near the Salhāmanitapā may be a sculptured portrait of the king who constructed the same.

The eighth one is dated Kolland 318 (1143 A. n.), and refers to a gift of seventyone Achchu by a certain Kerslan Vikmum Chōjadavan to the God of Suchindram for the sake of offering tiru-vamuta when manirās are chanted.

The ninth is found on the western well near the Valianappura st Suchindram, and mentions a gift by Chokkattandal alias Ulaka-Malutudaiyal, the Nambirattiyar of Vira Pandya, I two hundred Putupon-achehu for daily tirucamutu to SuchIndramudaya Naivan and for feeding three Brahmins during the time of the Pajas. The date of the inscription is Kollam 432 (1257 A. D.). It is conjectured that this Vira Pandya islthe same Jata Varman-Vira Pandys who began his rule about the middle of A. D. 1253 and continued to rule at least till 1274-5. Most of his inscriptions come from Tinnevelly, Rammad, Madura, and Pudukkotta, and the record mentioned above is the first of its kind discovered in Travancore Inscriptions ten and shrven though old and are dated Kollam 323 (1158 A. D.) and 340 (1165 A. D.) respectively, are unfortunately damaged and fragmentary; while twelve and thirteen copied from the Dvaraka-Emperuman temple near the Suchindram choultry are complet: and in a fair state of preservation. The former dated Kollam 404 (1229 A. D.) registers a gift of laud by the Assembly of Suchindram to Dvarake Emperumanar; while the latter dates Kollam 400 (1225 A. D.) records a gift of ten Arhehu for burning : perpetual light in the temple of the same God.

Of the rest, two were from the Kanya-Bhagavati temple, Cape Comorin, one of which is in Sānskrit Grantha and mentions the Vijayanagara kings Vīranrisimha, Atchutarāya, Ranga Rāya, Kṛṣṇa Rāya, and Rānu Rāya; while the other though damaged rafers to the Chōļa king Rājēndra Chōļa. The seventeenth though a fragmentary and damaged Vaṭṭeluttu record is important referring as it Joes to the Chōļa king Parakēsari Varma. The last one inscribed on the base of the Sāsta temple at Chāttannār and dated Kollam 446 (1127 A. D.) is in Vaṭṭeluttu, and refers to the building of the temple in that place.

In addition to these inscriptions, a copy of one copper plate record received on requisition from the District Judge, Nagercoil, was also examined; and it was found dated Kollam 826 (1651 A.D.) registering a gift under Royal command of ten temples including the Krisnankoil at Vatasseri to Sri-Ranga Raja Pattar Nambiar of Alvaş-tirmagari. Whether the plate is genuine or spurious is a matter to be decided after personal inspection.

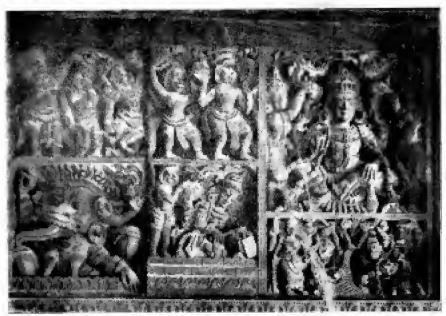
A systematic recording of the inscriptions on Christian Tombs and monuments in Travancore, having historical or archaeological importance seemed a great desideratum; and with the kind permission of Government (vide Government letter R. O. C. No. 1565/32/E dated 23rd June 1932), steps were taken towards the close of the year in that direction; and the text of twelve inscriptions was noted down by me.

Conservation.

As in the previous year, the question of the preservation of succent relies received my attention; and it was recognised as part of the obligations of the Department to recommend to Government those monuments that appeared to stand in argent need of care and rescue. Considerable impetus was given to the work of conservation of the ancient monuments of the State; and my suggestion for the erection of a suitable canopy to the stone image of Buddha at Mavälikkara, and for the preservation of the works of art in the Ettumänür temple were kindly accepted by Government. Government were also requested to consider the desirability of declaring the old Palaces at Eraniel, Padmanäbhapuram, Putukkulangara and Krishapuram, and also the Mallan Tamburan Koikkal at Netuvangad as Protected monuments; as, being buildings of historical interest and importance, they have a right to be preserved and kept in permanent good repair.



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Woodwork from Chonakkara.

Architecture.

An aspect of work on which some considerable labour was spent in the year related to the further study and investigation of temple architecture in Keraja with special reference to Travancore. The rules and principles laid down in the Silpanastras for the construction of the Namaskara Mantapa, Nalambalam (sugrambalam) and Balikkappura were gone through and noted down; and the study of the principles of architecture in Kattambala (temple theatre) was taken up towards the end of the year.

Soulpture.

The exploration of ancient relies in the year brought to light the existence of excellent specimens of old wood sculpture at two places, Chounkkara and Vettikkulangara; and some considerable time was spent on the examination and identification of the scenes and objects represented by them. Around the central shrine of the Siva temple at Chonakkara, are seen carved in excellent workmanship a few miscellaneous scenes and episodes in the lives of Siva, Rama, and Krishna displaying a unique charm and beauty. They are:—

1. The Tandays dance of Siva;

2. The wedding of Parvati;

3. The battle of Arjuna with Siva in the gu'se of a hunter;

4. Siva's penance;

The wedding of Droupadi, and the Pandavas' march for the same;

6. The killing of Hiranya;

 Select scenes from Ramayanu such as Sītasvayamvara; the battle with Bali; Sīta in Rāvaņa's court etc;

8. Mahishasura Mardana;

9. Kaliya Mardana;

10. Rukmani and Krishna; and

11. Ananta Sayana.

In the other place Vettikkulangara, the wood-work is done skilfully over the ceiling of the Balikkappura, and on some detached panels which are in the course of being fitted up in the temple that is renovated there. Almost the whole of Bhagavata and Ramayana with the leading episodes in them are illustrated in these wonderful specimens of wood sculpture preserved at Vettikkulangara temple. On examination it is found that the art displayed in the

work at both temples has not only a high order of excellence but also distinct characteristics of workmanship. The carvings of the form of Divine beings and thou contours have a sublimated rhythm and symmetry. Every scene depicted in them has a Bhava or feeling of transcendentalism, and Ananda or spiritual exhibitation. Above all, there is a sublimated humanism finding free play in the portrayal of the different characters and their emotions. figures have a peculiar charm of chiselling, the eyes, nose, lips, chin, hands, fingers and legs, receiving the greatest attention. At the same time, the balance and poise in which they are cast and the exquisite rhythm and beauty of their representation add greatly to their artistic charm. Supreme examples of a wonderful combination of both Rüpa (beauty of objective representation) and Rasa (grace of emotional expression), these specimens of wood sculpture have a granden: and sublimity of conception, rarely to be found elsewhere.

lconography.

Another important work of the department in the year related to the collection and investigation of available materials relating to Sālagrāma, an iconographical form in which the original Vishum is worshipped as enclosing within him the potentiality of the whole universe, just as the potential individual is enclosed in the womb. This Hiranya Garbha form is depicted for concrete realisation in the Sālagrāma, a semi ovoid blackstone containing a fossil Ammonite, the fossilised part being striped with goldenecolour, which both by its form and appearance, is eminently fitted to symbolise Hiranya Garbha. Fairly exhaustive information regarding the shape, fortures, and marks of over eighteen varieties of Sālagrāma together with their respective value in worship and ritual were collected; and a note prepared on the subject is given in Appendix C.

Mudras.

The work of last year on Mudrás had attracted the attention of some of the foreign scholars and orientalists who commended the usefulness of my researches in that field. This year, a considerable part of my time was spent in pursuing my investigations in that direction, particularly the Täntric Mudrás found in vogue in Kēraļa. About one hundred and eight Mudrás are noted to be peculiar to the Mudayāļam speaking country, of which a chart of the principal ones was prepared in the year.

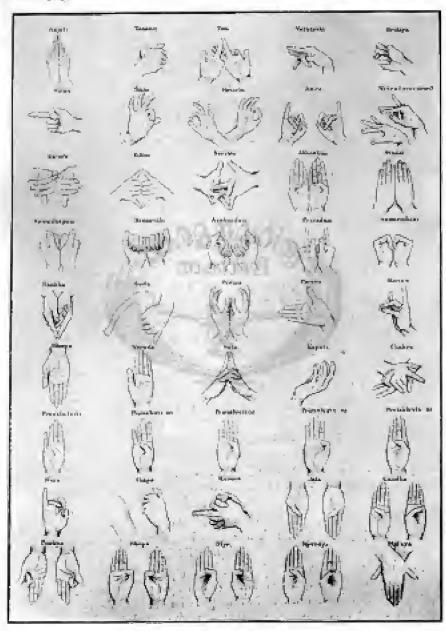
These Mudras are symbols of the hand representing by visible signs, the expression of an idea or the suggestion of an idea by resemblance or convention. They form a sort of language, and have a peculiar symbolism and signif cance in their reage.



Dikpēdās from Vettikuļangara-







(Cepyright)

The term Mudra is borrowed from Hindu religious vocabulary, and signifies in its technical acceptance and connotation the poses that are given to the hands during the exposition of an idea. These Mudras are not similar to Hieroglyphics, and are more expressive and powerful in effect than the spoken language. Classified roughly, they fall into three broad divisions:—

- 1. Vatdie.
- 2. Tantric.
- 3. Loukik (Mudyas in Art).

A careful research in the field revealed the usage of 64 recognised Mudrās in Art and 108 in Taytra. The Vaidle Mudrās are more or less finger signs or indications employed to regulate the stress, raythm and intonation in the chanting of Vêdās by Brāhmins. To express symbolically one's ideas and sentiments is the object of the Mudrās; and adepts have ascribed particular postures to represent and express different sentiments. What can't be conveyed in language is generally expressed by the suggestive symbols of the Mudrās, and so they can be said to be more effective and impressive than the letters that form the alphabet of language.

Folklore.

Recognising the abundance of folklore in Travancore and in the rest of Kerala, and the important place it holds in the cultural history of the people, some useful work was done in the year towards a preliminary investigation and study of available material in the country. Folklore in Travancore as in the rest of Kerala comprises of folk traditions, festivals, songs, customs, superstitions etc; and includes in its scope the study of popular arts and crafts, of proverbs, legends and stories, songs, riddles, and superstitions. My main attention was directed towards a general and preliminary survey of folk songs in the State; and so far as one could gather, there are over 500 songs even now extant in Kerala. My researches in this direction, made me feel that the songs available in Travancore are of a varied kind, and can be classified broadly into eleven distinct groups.

- Songs dealing with Partitic and legendary history, such as Garn Dakshinappāttu and Santana Gopālam Pāna.
- Songs in praise of God or invoking Divine help, such
 as Stotpus and other prayer songs, anonymous in
 their nature and stong usually in every home.

^{*} Dr., aroudd Bake of the Kern Institute, beyons has since been touring in the State and recording their specimens with the assistance rendered by me under the ampices of Government.

- Songs inculenting moral instruction, and didactic in purpose, such as Thumpipātļu and Arivupātļuke!.
- Songs inculcating Vēdāntie truths, and Sāstraic in nature as Valļuvarpāţţu.
- Songs dealing with Heroic exploits, such as Vaţakkan-Păţţukal, Tampurân Păţţu, Anjunhamburân păţţu, Bravikuţţi Piţlai Păţţu, etc.
- Songs of historical importance such as Māmānkam. Mārgampāţţu, Pallippāţţukal.
- Professional and religious songs:—
 - (a) Šāstrāngappāṭṭu, sung on occasions of marriage, anniversary etc. among Nambudiri Brāhmins and Kahettriyās.
 - (b) Nangiyar pāṭṭu sung in the dramatic performance called Nangiḥār Kattu, where dancing and acting play a prominent part.
 - (c) Brahmanipātņi resembling the songs of the Todās in certain respects, and also the chanting of Sāma-Vēda by Nambudiri Brāhmins, sung on special occasions of domestic ceremonies such as marriage, etc. among the higher castes in Malabār.
 - (d) Tīyāṭṭu Pāṭṭu sung in a religious show dealing with the killing of the monster. Dāruka.
 - (e) Pullurar Pāṭṭu (serpent songs) songs sung in praise of serpents to please them.
 - (f) Pāṇarpāṭṭu songs to ward off the evil eye and mischief of enemies.
 - (g) Manuarpattu where the story of Chilappatikaram is told in song.
 - (h) Velanpattu song sung for the eradication of evil done by fees and for whose annihilation it is intended.
 - (i) Aivarkalipaţtu song sung to the accompaniment of dance which is generally performed in Bhadrakāli temples.
 - (j) Bhadrakālipāṭṭu or Kalameluttu Pāṭṭu. Songs propitiating Dēvi or Bhadrakāli sang by the professional singers and drummers of the temples.
 - (k) Kaniyārpāţiu. Songs of the village astrologers called Kaniyārs and sung on occasions of their dance.

 Songs of amusement and entertainment such as Opappā qu, Kommatţipā qu, Kurattipa ţu, Uñā ālpā ţu etc.

Půrappățiu obsezue songs sung in praise of Bhaga-

vathi.

 Cult songs such as Sastāmpāṭṭu or Ayyappanpāṭṭu, where there is a good deal of reference about the Pantaļam Rājās of Trāvancore.

Miscellaneous songs dealing with some aspect of social

life or other in Kerala-

On close examination, it is found that these songs have an unadorned parity and simplicity of diction, and an impassioned sweetness of melody. In their singing, Tāla, time measure, plays an important part; and sometimes the songs are sung to the accompaniment of dance, when a swiftness and rhythmic movement of steps give an added grace to the music. Ungoverned by any laws of versilication, these songs have a universality of sentiment, combining in their Raya (tune or Melody), different Bhāvās (Moods) and Rasās (emotions).

To the antiquarian, the value of these songs consists in their primitive spentaneous music containing melodies which are some of the most treasured possessions of Kerak art. Unique in their spontaneity and beauty, they have a wide range of outline; and are interesting as human documents throwing light on conditions of primitive life and thought. "The most interesting feature of them is that their vocal melodies are evolved with no thought of learmony or accompanying instrument, but ere formed on certain matural scales or modes. In short, the dominant note that we find in these songs is that their music in instinctive, arising from the necessity inherent in the people to use the voice which nature has given them so that they may give expression to their innermost thoughts and feelings for which their speech is inadequate. The resulting fruit of this instinct is the sweet melody of the folksong which is an unconscious art quite in contrast with the creations of conscious art seen in songs sung by trained musicians". It may be of interest in this connection to note that the pure indigenous tunes Indian. Purantr etc., are only refined elaborations of the melodies in the folk music of Kerala.

Worship and ritual in Kerala Temples-

The work commenced last year on this subject was continued, greater attention being paid to the collection of information regarding the elaborate processes of temple ritual and the Mudcas employed in the same. As is seen from extant practices the old procedure haid down for Paja is as follows:—

- Cleansing of the physical body. (Nād yādāšrallā)
- Consecration of the vessel holding oblation (Sankhaparana)
- Self-worship consisting in conceiving God as residing in oneself in the form of Aram or supreme self (Atmaradhana)
- Offering and consecrating the seat allotted for the Devote. (Pithokalpuna and Pithophija).
- Conceiving the Devata in a symbolical material form. (Marttikalpana).
- 6. Invocation of the Martti or leon. (Avakana)
- Consecrating and spiritualising the different parts of the body of the Dēvata. (Sakaļīkaraņa)
- 8. Meditation (Dhyana)
- Consecration and spiritualisation of the different ornaments, weapons or Ayudhās etc. of the Murtti. (Bhushauadinyāsa)
- 10. Offering water, sandal flowers, cooked food etc.
- 11. Dedication to the Martti.
- 12. End of worship. (Samapana)
- Detachment from the Martti conception. (Udvásana).
- The conception of the Murtti as the formless Paramatma and as residing in all created beings including the Sadhaka, (Layanga).

The diagrams of the important Mudras in Tantric workship were also drawn and are reproduced in the form of a chart.

Miscellaneous.

An important institution which has a honry antiquity and which is fast disappearing attracted my notice in the year. It relates to "Kuttu" which devoid of its old charm still survives in a few temples of the State, and in which the traditions of the old classical Indian drama are even now preserved. There is reference to it in the Tamil Classic Chileppanitarum; and inscriptional evidences are not wanting to confirm its antiquity. A means of religious and popular education and entertainment, and above all of public consorship, the Kuttu in Travancore as



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Nangiarkattu.

in the rest of Kérala had a powerful influence on the sceial fabric in olden days. My researches on the subject of Kathukali in Kérala, opened my eyes to the extensive influence which the 'Küttu' had on the development of the old traditions of histrionic art in the land; and at the instance of the Dewan, an endeavour was made in the year to study and note down its ancient and characteristic art.

Kuttu is of three kinds:-

- Nangiyar Kuttu where a Nangiyar (a lady of the Nambiyar casto) is the actor, and in which the story of Sri Krishna is recounted with dancing and acting. Six kinds of dance were noted in this performance.
- 2. Prahandham Küttu which is a monologue consisting of a combined recitation of and commentary on passages from the Puranes and Itihasas.
- 3. Kutivattam meaning combined acting, where men (Chakkiyars) and women (Nangiyars) take part; and in which there is a combination of narration and acting with dancing and gestores. The only place where the vestiges of Kutivattam are even now seen in Travancore, is Mulikkulam, in the ancient temple of which, there is performance every year lasting for 12 or sometimes 20 days.

What really interests the antiquarian in the threefold varieties of Kāttu mentioned above, is the perfection of the art of Abkinaya and the elaborate use of the Mudrās (hand poses) and gestures which with slight modifications were borrowed later in Kathakaļi (the Pantomime). The Kāṭiyāṭṭam in particular, is a unique and wonderful institution where there is a strange combination of Nāṭya (acting), Abkinaya (Gesture), and Nritta (dancing), with a marvellous perfection of Ibhāva (mood) and Rasa or emotional expression.

Sixty-four Mudrās were for a long time employed in the Kūttu, thirty-seven (24 single and 13 combined) Mudrās of which have been noticed by me. Nine movements of the head, eight glauces of the eye, six movements of the eyebrows and four poses of the neck together with the hand Mutrās and dancing steps of the legs more or less complete the grace and rhythm of the gesture or Abbinaya of the Lūttu.

Though originally meant for the propiration of the Gods, the Kottu has been the harbinger of the Kathakali in Travancore; and

the balief underlying this ancient institution is that recitations from the *Puriods* and *Itikāsās* are as efficacions in obtaining solvation for men as Divine service, and are a powerful check on the growing materialism of the people.

Among other items of work in the year, prominent mention may be made of the progress made in the compilation of the Topographical list of inscriptions in the State, and of the Bibliography of the sources of Travaucore History.

Publications.

The booklet on the art of Kathatali originally printed for private circulation was considerably revised and enlarged in the year, and is being made ready for distribution and sale. Vol. VII Part 2 of the Travancore Archaeological series has been published; while the material for Vol. VIII consisting of the inscriptional collections of the Department for the last four years (1103—1106) has been got ready for the press. The publication of the Archaeological sheet of the Government Gazette received also the regular attention of the Department; and the inscriptions relating to Lyyan Atikal and Śrī-Vallabhan Kōdai were printed with their text and purport in Malayahm, and disseminated for popular knowledge.

In conclusion, I have only to quote what Sir John Marshall stated thirty years ago. "It is the intention of the Department to show year by year what materials have been and are collected exactly, so that other labourers may know how they can add to the heap, and if possible themselves build from it the ultimate edifice, the materials being therefore silently accumulated for the future. In other words, it is the intention by means of the Annual reports to show that the Department so far from looking to monopolise the field of research welcomes and facilitates the co-operation of overy earnest student and learned society" in Travancore "to attract wider and more abiding attention to the grand treasure house of ancient relies" in the State.

Subjoined is a statement of the receipts and expenditure of the Department.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
R. Vasudeva Poduval.,
Superintendent of Archaelogy.

List of places visited by the Superintendent in 1107.

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Kalingarāyan patpaņam

Nagercoil

Katakkara

Vettikavila

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List of places visited by the Pandit Assistant during 1107.

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APPENDIX A.

Copper plates received during 1107 M. E.

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Lithic inscriptions copied during the year 1107 M. E.

'on	Place.	Dynasty.	King.	Date.	Language.	Remarks.
H	1 On a rock lying in the Tiruvenkupa pperumal temple at Katukkara.	I	1	Sa. 1628. Ko.882 Tai. 13. Bahula. Panchami. Thursday.	Tamil	Registers a View Joynes pranches executed by Sauveninger very Vergivolum Tampirankutti Taguvan in favour of God Tiruvenkatapperumal of Paticlugiri Parvathachal at Katukkara in Alakiya-
G4	2 On a rock lying in the Treuvenkita- pperumal coil at Katukkura.		I	Sa. 1628 Ko. 882 Tai, 18 Sunday.	1 / d	lands were set apart for Pajds feeding, lighting etc. Refers to a gift of lend by Karekku Andar Marayskutti Ullittar to Nainar Kasivisvanatha Nainar, Sivakani Amman and Truvenkatapperunal for conducting pajds, and
6.3	SOn a stone pillar standing N. E. of Panantaravijagam village near Katuk- kara.	:	1	Sa. 1633 Ko. 887 Tai 14.	Do.	for offering Tiru-amutu, garlends lights, are, ducting the "pajas" of Virakenda Pillayar of Panantharavilagum by Kari Chatmakutti and Amatchaporomal Marttanda Kutti Offittar,

Eprits and Panylanum will be the Trustees for the proper maintenance of the charity. Damaged at the and Revollering to the deity of Umaskanthe rahitha Tirunikanan set up by Arangaa Tiruvikraman of Sivalanangalam.	States that the Brähmin of Nava-bhavanan (Puttillam) residing at Sachfulran consecrated the God Sambhu with Goddess Couri.	The major part of this inecription under the ground. Mentions Sivin- tican Udaya Navanar.
Ko, 201 Do. Jopiter Vrishabha. Mithanam.	Kali arsi Grantha fasea ax Makara Sa-Sunskrit ptawi Kela- ni, Jupiter in Dhanti, Mon	Ust, express- edinthe Chr onogram Ja- tasumjāc (769) Ko. 413 Mēd.m 1
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	the same,			t	3 N	The same inscription beginning from Kaga-loka has also been engraved on the eastern wall of the
90	On the eastern wall of the let Prakara	Do,		Ko. 318 Mi-Tamil	Tumil	States that Kryalan Vikramachóla Davanen made a cift of 71 decka
	of the same (in fr. ont of the Vatak.			Thursday, Tiruvatirai	9	to Suchindramajaya Nayanar for offering historian while chanting
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	the Vahanappura of the same.			Thursday Ekadasi		the Suchfindrem temple, and records that Chokkettapfal effor Ulakamu-
						Jatudaiyal, the Nambiesttiyar of Virapagdya Beva made a gift of 200 Peternan-Ar-ha for daily

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Newswith of Suchradismutaye. Navanar and for feeding 3 Brahmins during the time of the Paids. Damaged.	.Do.	Records the gift of land by the assembly of Suchindran to Dvara- kai Emperomanae and mentions Gövinda-Pranja-Bhidarae.	Registers a gift of 10 archa for burning a perpetual lamp in the temple of Sri-Dvarakai Empera-man Mentions Puliskas Nair.	Sanskrit and Begins with the introduction sanga- Granta Atshyuta Raya, Ranga Raya, Kri- shoa Raya and Rama-Raya,
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2	On the lase of the more shrine of the Sasta temple at Chattamar.	:	i	Kollam 446 Jupitor in Vrischiga, Medam	Do.	Records that the work in connection with the construction of the temple was completed in Medam 448 and Westions the names of Devan Rudran Variyar and Sankaran Sattan,

APPENDIX B.

List of photos taken during the year 1107.

1 to 18	Hand poses (Mudras) ie Hindu Art	Füll plate
19	King stone in the NIlakantasvāmi temple at Padmanābhapuram	Doi
20	Indrajit image (stone) Do.	Do.
21 to 23	Stone pillars lying in front of the temple at Parakkai	Do.
24 to 26	Stone images in the Mukhammatapa of Sri-Padmanabhasyami temple Trivandrum	Do.
27	Ornamental lamp in front of the Mukhamantapa of Srī Padmanā- bhasvāmi temple, Trivāndrum	Do.
28	Yali pillars lying in front of the temple at Parakkai	Half plate.
29 to 30	Vēlakaļi at Trivāndrum	
	CI 1 - EII	Do.
31 to 40	Hand poses (Tantric Modrás) (uarter plate.

APPENDIX C.

SALAGRAMAS

(A Note).

Salagramas are a kind of round or oval fossil caphalopodes flecked or inlaid with gold and having a peculiar hole and certain distinguishing marks of identification in them. The name Salagrams is derived from the Sanskrit Sarachakra, the weapon of Vishnu which is reflected on the stone "by queer spiral lines believed to be engraved thereon at the request of Vishnu by Brahma who in the form of a worm is believed to bore the holes known as Vadanas and traces the spiral coil that gives the stone its name". These stones are generally found in the bed of the Gandak river, a mountain torrent from the Himalayas in Neptl. When worshipped properly they are believed to yield Proushartha:

i- Dharma iii. Kāma ii. Artha iv. Möksha,

Salagramas are of two kinds: JALAJA born in water and STHALAJA born in earth, the former soft and glistening contributing wealth and happiness, and the latter rough and hard producing Salvation. Both the varieties have the mark of a Chakra or discus, some having the shape of Vishnu and others of Chit. The holes in the stones are bored by worms called "avajraktta"; those that are bored by one worm are called Stvichakra, by two worms Chatuschakra, and by four worms Ashtachakra. Salagramas marked with chakra (discus) may be white, black, blue, skyblue, blue like the flowers of Atasi, gold yellow, turmeric yellow, yellow-white, red, dark red, tawny, copper red, reddish brown, variegated in colour black spotted, anake coloured, colourless or glistening. coloured Sālagrāma is called Vāsudēva, Gold yellow Hiraņya Garbha; yellow Śrīdhara; black Viehņu, Krishņa, Nārāyaṇa, Dāmodara, or Aniruddha,; wine coloured Madhava; red Sankarshapa; tawny Narasimha; variegated Ananta; bright and golden Vāmana. White Sāla grama gives salvation, blue wealth, black prosperity, darkblack fame, yellow white and gold yellow riches, pale white fame, and red kingdom.

Selection of Salagramas.

After they are picked up from the bad of the river, the Salagramas are tested and selected. "Each stone as it is discovered is struck on all sides with a small hammer, or in someresses is merely knocked with the finger. This causes the soft powdery part produced by the boring of the worm to fall in and disclose the Vadana

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Sālagrāma.



or hole which in the case of those of the more valuable ones, may contain gold or precious gem". Generally, those Salagramas that are cold in touch, glistening, round shaped, and with head raised are taken for worship; while black, blue black, yellow, of different colours, red and with Chakra mark on the left side or on the middle part. in the hole and with a roundshaped Vanamāla (garland of flowers). are also worshipped. The belief under-lying their worship is that all of them will bestow wealth and happiness. The stones that any glist-ning and round shaped yield success; those that are fine yellow and delicate, produce wealth; while the black ones bring about fruit-The blue black salagramas offer fame; and the white ones salvation; while those that have different colours bless the worshipper with happiness. The red coloured variety gives kingdom: but those with "chakra" (discus)on the left side or on the middle ensure increase of family. Such of the stones as have the "chakra" in the hole bring about fame. The stones with the Vanamala give good wife; while those with lotus mark yield cows, wealth and grains. A Salagrama which is not stout or broken and which is neither dark, black nor hard to touch will bestow kingdom, happiness in life and salvation. When Salagrama with "Chakras" and the filament of flowers and Vanamala is worshipped with proper ritual in a house, there need be no lear of poverty, of robbers or of fire, or even the evil influence of planets. The stones which look like jambu and Amalaki and have two Chakra marks are said to have the abode of Vishma in them.

The following kinds of stones are not advised for worship:

1. Stones fierce in appearance

2. Stones with Chakras cross vice.

Stones with Chakras facing intermediate directions.

4. Stones without Chakra or with broken Chakras.

Stones with doubtful colours or with dark spots and smoky in appearance.

Different kinds of Salagrama.

There are different kinds of Salagrama of which, the Matsya, Kesava, Haya etc. and Kapila, Yajitabhakta, Mukunda. Hamsa etc. are called Harimurtti. There is also another variety called Trimurtti.

1. MATSYAMÜRTTI. The Sälagrama that is long in simple, glistening and having two chakras in the hole and one on the tail is the Matsyamurtti and resembles the form of a fish. If its Vadama or face is like that of fish, and if there is a Chakra on it, and above all if it is adorned by Sri-Vatsa and Vanamala, then that stone is good

or worship. Two chakras in the mouth and a hole or a chakra on he back of the Matsyamurtti Sälagrama indicate that it is certainly aspicious. There are four or five varieties of this stone which if taly worshipped will infallibly enrich its possessor.

2. KŪRMA. This Stone possesses a lofty back, is white and has Göpura. Kūrma Sālagrāmās with two chakrās in the mouth are ound sarely; while those with three specks or dots on the back, with metabland disc, with long mouth on the right and left sides, with we chakrās and with three kusulus (granaries) are difficult to obtain the who gets a sample of it is lacky; and when worshipped property all desires are fulfilled. The Kūrma sālagrāma that is both round and long, glittering like gold, possessing for the mouth two discs, aving the shape of a flower or comen on either side of it, is considered good for propitiation. But the one that is round and lotus shaped, aving long mouth and two discs in the navel, and slightly raised on the back, and above all dark red in colour increases the family and brings prosperity.

3. VARĀHA SĀLAGRĀMA. The stone that is blue black ike Atasi flower, or blue lotus, long in shape and moist in touch saving long hole and raised on the back, with wide mouth and having Chakra on the left side and golden lines, is called Varāha-mūrtti.

and gives wealth and kingdom.

- 4. LAKSHMI NARASIMHA SĀLAGRĀMA is black in clour and spected, and has discs on the left side. It bestows happiness and good fortune—But those expecially that have wide mouth ad are tawny in colour, glistening like gold, with two discs in the nouth, and above all having a darable seat and a bent on the back outer on their worshippers all happiness and fulfil all their desires.
- 5. VĀMANAMŪRTTI This is short, spotted and circular, and us the colour of Amsi flower. It has two chokrās, in its Vadana or nouth, and is supposed to give all happiness. Vāmana Sālagrāma vith white spots on the face gives cows, land, corn and wealth. If a due or blue black Chakra is found near the mouth, it is called Mahayāmana which is very rare and fulfils all desires.
- 6. PARASURAMAMÜRTTI. That stone having the form of a Paraba the tile axe) and white or black hoofs, long and broad toles with done or speeks on the right or left side, and a line esembling rusks is called Paraburama Salagrama worshipped is unity by men of noble minds. The Salagrama having the narks of battle axe and two chakras on the upper side should be worshipped by all
- 7. SRI RAMA. The Salagrams having the grace of a mave warrier adorned with bows, arrows and quiver and having

discs with filaments is called Rāmamūrtti. If it is long and black, and has one disc on the left side and three discs in all, it is called Sītārāma. The long and black variety of it having two mouths (Vadanās) and four discs gives wealth; while those with three vadanās and five or six discs and having the mark of arrows confer happiness.

- 8. BALARAMA. The Salagrama that has the marks of a plough and a club and is bright as glass is called Sankarshana. Its other characteristics are two dises at the head, blue lotus in front, and a red colour like blood. This stone blesses its worshipper with alround success. A salagrama having a stout chakra, and a tawny and red colour is called Balabhadra, which if propitited is said to increase one's family.
- 9. KRISHNAMÜRTTI, Its features are a jet black colour, stout shape, a lovely form, a Vanamäla or garland of flowers and a mark of Sri Vatsa on the lack. This stone when worshipped brings good to all. A variety of this with black yellow colour, a symmetry of body, two chakras on the sides of the raised portion, a nasal like hole and a mace like back, and the club heads on the sides, is called Gopālakrishna which is said to give cows, land, corn, wealth, etc.

Another one black in colour, spotted and glittering, shaped like a Chakra, and baying very minute holes and red lines known as Gopálamurti bestows all kinds of fortunes.

- 10. KALKI is shining like a blue stone and is long shaped. It is adorned with Vanamāla (garland of flowers) and has a face like a hood. It is supposed to fulfil all desires. Its other features are a red Chakra with a small hole, a durable seat, and a line shining like a sword on the back. Kalki is the Lord of Miecchās; and if worshipped properly he drives away sin in the Kaliyugu.
- 11. KEŚAVA MÜRTTI. This Sālagrāma glitters with golden and silver specks, and has a small Chakra. This stone has four corners and two Chakras on the Vadana or opening. It is black and is believed to bring good fortune.
- 12. NARAYANA MÜRTTI is black and has a Chakra on the navel. It has three long lines and a broad opening on the right side. It is high and round in shape, and has a hood and Chakra. It satisfies all desires of men, and in particular confers bappiness and fortune.

- 13. LANSHMINARAYANA stone has the marks of San-kha, Chakra and Gada. The Chakras may be four, three or one, and it fulfills the desires of men.
- 14. MADHAVA MÜRTTI Sälagrama has the colour of wine or honey, and a disc on the middle. It is oily and has a small opening and confers salvation to ascetics.
- 15. MADHUSUDHANA MÜRTTI is found to possess one Chakra and has a majestic grace. It is found in all colours and gives good fortune to men.
- 16. GOVINDAMŪRTTI. This stone is black, and not much stout, and is found with five discs. Govindasalsgrama with two Chakras confers all objects of desire.
- 17. VISHNUMUR^TTI has a bowed head and broad opening. It is oily and tawny coloured, and has a disc on the left side. It gives both success and enjoyment.
- 18. TRIVIKRAMAMÜRTTI Salagrama is worshipped by pious Brahmins, and has three corners and two discs.
- 19. SRIDHARAMURTTI is like the flower of Kadamba tree and has five lines. It is also marked by a Vanamala, a lotus on its small face or the middle, and a black colour.
- 20. HRISHIKESAMURTTI. This stone has a shape of Kadamba flower and has five lines. Its form is like a crescent moon; and it has five, three or one Chakra.

There is one stone known as UGRA CHAKRA SALA-GRAMA which is not a particularly safe one to possess. It is round and has two Chakras. If not worshipped properly, it is believed to bring ruin to its owner.

"Possession of these Sālagrāmās without worship is believed by all Hindus to be most unlucky; and as none but Brahmins can perform the worship, none but they can retain the stones in their keeping. For an orthodox Brahmin household, the ownership of three or more stones is an absolute necessity. These must be duly worshipped, and washed in water, and the water drunk as TIRTHA; and sucrifice of boiled rice and other food must be daily performed. When this is done, speedy success in all business of life will fall to the lot of the immates of the house; but otherwise ruin and disgrace await them."

APPENDIX D.

Sixty four Mudeas (Hand Poses) in Kattu.

NOTE: They are the same as those described in Bharata's Natyasastra.

ASAMYUKTA (Single)

- 1. Patāka
- 2. Tripatāka
- 3. Kartarimukha
- 4. Ardbuchaudra
- 5. Arāla
- 6. Sukatunda
- 7. Mushti
- 8. Sikhara
- 9. Kapirtha
- 10. Katakamukha
- 11. Suchīmukha
- 12. Patmakoša
- 13. Surpuéiras
- 14. Mrigasfrehaka
- 15. Kanguli
- 16. Dalapallava
- 17. Chathura
- 18. Shramara
- 19. Hamsāsya
- 20. Hanisapaksha
- 21. Sandamsa
- 22. Mugula
- 23. Urnanābha
- 24. Tamrachūda

SAMYUKTA (Double hands)

- 1. Anjali
- 2. Kapotaka
- 3. Karkkata
- 4. Synstika.
- 5. Katakavardhamāna
- 6. Liteanga
- 7. Nishedha
- 8. Dola
- 9. Pushpaputa
- 10. Makara
- 11. Gajadanta
- 12. Avahitha
- 13 Vardhamana

MUDRAS IN NRITTA OR DANCE.

- 1. Chathura
- 2. Udvritta
- 3. Talamukha
- 4. Svostika
- 5. Viprakirna
- 6. Aralakatakamukha
- 7. Avidhavakra
- S. Suchi
- 9. Rechitha
- 10. Ardharechita
- 11. Uttāma Vanchita
- 12. Pallava
- 13. Nitamba
- 14. Kasabandha
- 15. Lata.
- 16. Karibasta
- 17, Paksha Vanchitaka
- 18. Pradyotaka
- 19. Garuda Paksha
- 20. Danda Paksha
- 21. Ardhamandali
- 22. Pārévamandali
- 23. Uremandali
- 24. Nalini
- 25. Padmakōśaka.
- 26. Alapallava
- 27. Bana

APPENDIX E.

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